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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE

DELAWARE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Conference Room A, Second Floor, Cannon Building

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED (January 21, 2010)

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lorna Lee, Committee Member, Chair, Presiding James J. Frisa, Committee Member Vincent Lobo, D.O., Physician Committee Member Alan Keith Tillotson, Committee Member

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jennifer Baust, R.N., Committee Member Jeffrey S. Meyers, M.D., Ex-Officio Committee Member

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the October 15, 2009 minutes for approval. Mr. Tillotson moved, seconded by Mr. Frisa, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Review Application(s) for Licensure as an Acupuncture Practitioner

Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to grant an acupuncture practitioner license to Susan Guerino. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Tillotson, to grant an acupuncture practitioner license to Barbara Donelan subject to Ms. Donelan completing question number two on the application. Motion unanimously carried.

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# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Lee reported that the request from Beebe Hospital for a waiver to start an acupuncture detox program is still being reviewed by Ms. Reardon. Ms. Lee also reported that proposed legislation to grant an exemption for the acupuncture detoxification specialists is still being drafted.

Ms. Lee reported that the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine has not yet made a decision on the clean needle technique issue.

Ms. Lee reported that Mr. Frisa, Ms. Baust and she attended the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers held on October 27, 2009. The Board voted that, at this time, it will not revise the law or rules and regulations to address the issue of physical therapists performing dry needling trigger point therapy. The Council will continue to monitor the minutes from the Board of Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers' meetings and any future proposed legislation.

The Council discussed sending a letter to people who are currently practicing acupuncture and have not yet applied for licensure advising them of the deadline and encouraging them to apply as soon as possible. Mr. Tillotson will draft the letter for Council members and Ms. Reardon to review. Ms. Lee will provide a list of names and addresses that the letter should be sent to.

The Council requested that Ms. MacAfee provide them with a copy of the meeting schedule for 2010. It was discussed meeting on a monthly basis from January to June and then meeting on a quarterly basis.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tillotson moved, seconded by Mr. Frisa, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III

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